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TO : Director of Training

DATE: 14 May 1953

FROM : Chief, Language Training Division, O/TR

SUBJECT: Progress Report for Week of 11 May through 15 May 1953

1. A combined total of 146 students is presently enrolled in introductory and self-study courses in the Language Training Division.
2. The language laboratory was used for a total of 524 hours during the past week.
3. One request for non-CIA language training has been recommended for approval and five requests have been given final approval by the Director of Training.
4. Four students from SR, who started in a Special Intensive Russian course last September at the Institute of Languages and Linguistics, Georgetown University, were tested to determine their progress to date. Evaluations were superior in the case of two of the students and slightly less than satisfactory for the other two. In the case of the latter, it is expected that they will come up to better than average grades by the end of the course.
5. Further progress has been made on mechanical translation and a demonstration of basic principles was given for several members of OIC in Mr. James Q. Reber's office.
6. Chief, Language Training Division, attended a meeting of the Lexical Committee on 11 May 1953 in Mr. Reber's office. The plans, as proposed on the memorandum FLP-D-1, dated 5 February 1953, were agreed to by all agencies.
7. Arrangements were made with the Training Officer of OSI to change the present ~~SP-1000~~ class schedules from 16 weeks of three days of class per week to 12 weeks with classes daily. Mr. [redacted] of ORR concurred in this arrangement. It is expected that four sections of these special Russian classes will start or continue on or about 1 June 1953 and four sections on or about 15 September 1953. Preliminary agreement from the Director of Training was obtained to allow partially cleared personnel to enter these training courses, provided Inspection and Security Office concurs. OSI will undertake negotiations to obtain this concurrence.

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